



# Indiana Forest Resource Fact Sheet 2020

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## Investment in State's Cooperative Programs

Program	FY 2019 Final
Cooperative Fire Protection	\$817,846
Cooperative Forestry	\$493,800
Forest Health Management	\$197,500
Forest Legacy and Community Forestry	\$5,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,514,146</b>

NOTE: This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.

## Key Issues

- Conserve, manage, and protect existing forests, especially large forest patches.
- Restore and connect forests, especially in riparian areas.
- Expand Best Management Practices, with special attention to invasive species.
- Coordinate education, training, and technical assistance, especially to develop strategic partnerships.
- Maintain and expand markets for Indiana hardwoods, especially those that are sustainably certified and for local use.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments

Selected Facts	Value	FY 2019 Accomplishments	Value
Population	6,483,802	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance	5,677
Acres of Forest Land	4,882,574	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	108,858
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,870,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	75,603
Number of NIPF Landowners	225,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted	462
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted	870
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	7,328,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	7,076
Number of Rural Fire Departments	972	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions	0
Cities and Towns	567	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	90
Forest Based Employment	51,830	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance	3,050,853
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	3	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance	37,349
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	12,703,645		

## Program Highlights

### Cooperative Fire Protection

Indiana acquired \$1,474,210 in property from the Department of Defense Fire Fighter Program and \$235,442 in property from the Federal Excess Personal Property program. The property is used to support the state's and volunteer fire departments' wildland fire programs.

### Forest Health Protection

Emerald ash borer is established in every county in the state, and most of the state has had extensive ash mortality. Surveys for thousand cankers disease continued, with no infested trees found. The Slow the Spread Program for gypsy moth continued to survey the northern third of the state, providing treatment to small blocks to minimize expansion into the un-infested area.

### Forest Stewardship

In 2019, the Indiana Division of Forestry entered a 4-year cooperative agreement with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS). The arrangement will allow the Division of Forestry to hire additional foresters to work with private landowners. By combining funds from the U.S. Forest Service and NRCS, the Division of Forestry can assist landowners from their initial stewardship plan through the implementation of recommended management activities funded through NRCS programs.

### Great Lakes Restoration Initiative

Save Maumee Grassroots Organization continued riparian buffer planting in the Maumee River watershed, under U.S. Forest Service Great Lakes Restoration Initiative (GLRI) grants. GLRI funding also supported tree planting, community training, and youth conservation crew maintenance through the CommuniTree program in communities and on industrial lands along the Lake Michigan

coast in northwest Indiana.

### ***Urban and Community Forestry***

The Urban and Community Forestry program provided financial and/or technical assistance to communities in Indiana, serving more than three million Hoosiers. Communities and non-profit organizations received over \$120,000 in grant dollars for community-based projects. Indiana affirmed 63 Tree City USA communities, 10 Tree Campus USA universities and colleges, and five Tree Line USA utility companies.



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